

Recyclers' Corner



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[Editor's Note: Recyclers' Corner is a periodic news column sponsored by Denver Recycles, a program of Denver Public Works/Solid Waste Management. It includes updates on seasonal and ongoing activities related to the City and County of Denver's recycling programs. Editors are invited to publish all or part of the column; however, we request that you run major edits by our staff to ensure accuracy of the information. Questions may be directed to Charlotte Pitt or Tom Strickland at Denver Recycles, 303-446-3557.]

Treecycle 2012: It's as Easy as Can Be!

Your Christmas tree gave you so much joy during the holidays. Now give it a second life and recycle it with Denver's Treecycle program. All trees collected through the program will be chipped into mulch and given away to Denver residents in the spring.

Denver residents should set out their Christmas trees for recycling from **January 3rd to January 13th**.

1. Remove all decorations and tree stand.

Sorry, **no artificial or flocked trees**. Real Christmas trees only.

2. Set your tree out for collection during the first two weeks of January

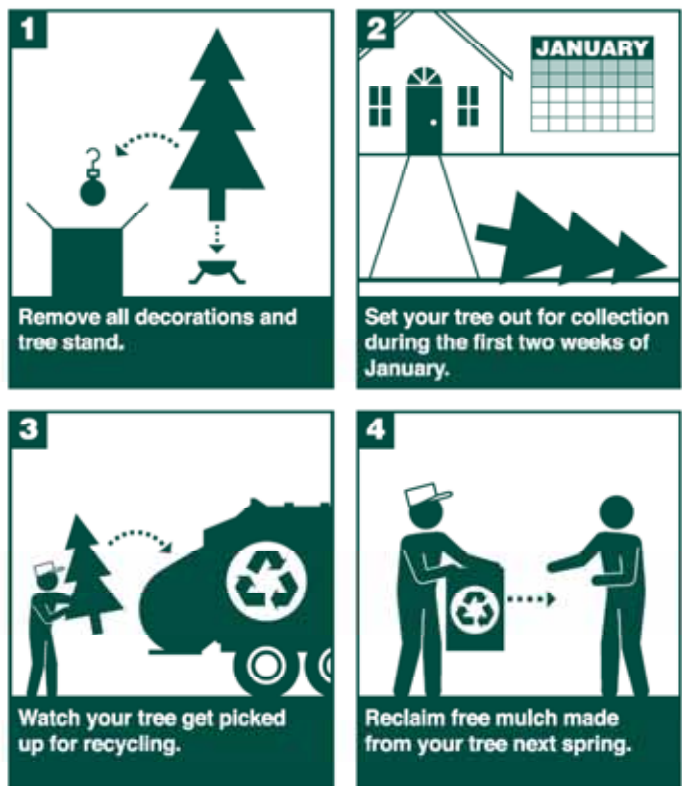
Dumpster service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on either Monday, January 3rd or Monday, January 9th for collection during that week. **Do not place trees in dumpsters**. Trees should be placed at least 4 feet away from dumpsters.

Barrel and Manual service customers should place their Christmas tree out for recycling on their normal trash day between January 3rd and 13th.

3. Watch your tree get picked up for recycling.

4. Reclaim free mulch made from your tree on Saturday, May 5, 2012 at Denver's Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale.

For more information about Treecycle, Mulch Giveaway and Compost Sale, or other Denver Recycles programs call **311** or visit us online at **DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles**.



Become a Denver Master Composter and Recycler!

Learn all about composting and recycling in Denver while giving something back to your community. You'll have tons of fun, and you're guaranteed to meet others who are committed to the environment and to their communities. No experience required!



Here's how the program works:

- **INSTRUCTION:** Receive 40 hours of instruction in compost science, bin construction, worm composting, recycling and solid waste management, urban gardening and community outreach.
- **SERVICE:** In exchange for your training, you'll be required to return 40 hours of community service teaching composting and recycling to Denver residents. You'll have one year to complete your community service requirement.
- **DEDICATION, NOT EXPERIENCE:** You do not need to be an experienced composter or gardener to participate, but you must be able to commit the time necessary to attend the classes, tours, and demonstration site sessions.
- **COST:** A materials fee is requested but not required.
- **SCHEDULE:** Classes will be held about once a week for 10 weeks on a combination of Monday evenings, Saturday mornings and one Friday field trip.
- **ENROLLMENT:** Approximately 30 enthusiastic and committed participants will be selected.

To apply or express interest call Denver Urban Gardens at 303-292-9900 or send us an e-mail at DenverRecycles@DenverGov.org. Applicants will be invited to a short interview to learn more about the program.

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